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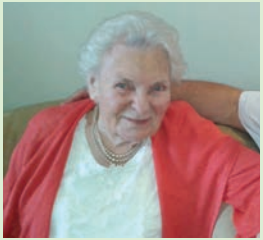
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All five candidates for the position of Mayor of New Plymouth fronted up at the Mayoral Debate on Thursday September 22. The debate was held at the New Plymouth District Council and it was chaired by Ryan Evans, editor of the Taranaki Daily News, who organised the event. There turnout was huge, with standing room



Bill Simpson

only.

The candidates included Deputy Mayor Heather Dodunski, Cr Richard Handley, Bill Simpson, Neil Holdom and Clive Tongaawhikau.

All candidates spoke well, but an exit poll revealed that 53.19% of the audience considered that Neil Holdom prevailed on the night. The 44-year-old has no local body



Heather Dodunski

experience, which didn't seem to concern voters.

Of the other candidates Richard Handley was second (20.7%), Clive Tongaawhikau was third (15.9%), Heather Dodunski fourth (8.5%) and Bill Simpson scored 1.5%.

A range of different issues were raised, but all were united in their concern about changes to the Local Government Act; it was feared that councils would lose control of water and roading management.

"It's a worry the Government can come in (like this) without consultation," complained Heather Dodunski.

"It takes away the rights of individuals," warned Bill Simpson.

Another issue they all agreed on was the debris from the alder trees in Devon Street, dropping vegetation on the footpath, which could cause someone to slip over. The candidates wanted something done about this – specifically removal of the trees, although Richard Handley wanted some replacement (juvenile) trees planted.

One issue of concern was the lack of participation of young people in local body politics. "But we are consulting with youth," Heather Dodunski pointed out. Richard Handley had a simple answer. He gestured towards younger candidates (where local body candidate Stacey Hitchcock



Neil Holdom

was standing) at the back of the hall and declared, "The way to encourage them is to

vote for them."

The issue of consultation with Iwi received much coverage, although no solutions were expressed apart from the need to enhance dialogue and come up with workable solutions. "It is the way of the future," said Clive Tongaawhikau," but added, "But we need more discussion."



Richard Handley

"It is up to Iwi to decide, then the community," commented Bill Simpson.

Heather Dodunski favoured voting rights for Maori representatives.

The issue of fluoridation was raised in a question. All candidates favoured the process apart from Heather Dodunski who preferred "allowing people to choose." - and mentioned such options as fluoride tablets.



Clive Tongaawhikau

Another contentious topic the aerial spreading of the poison 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate) was briefly raised by Clive Tongaawhikau who made it clear he was opposed and he expressed concern that it was getting into our water supplies.

Neil Holdom was keen to promote tourism and favoured a Ten Year Strategy involving all Taranaki Councils. He wanted to see major linking up of the Coastal Walkway to include more coastal connection as well as involvement of the North Egmont National Park.

Bill Simpson was also keen on the promotion of tourism and wanted a theme park to be placed alongside the Coastal Walkway.

Walkway gets worldwide exposure

Any tourists planning a trip to New Zealand will now be able to open up the Lonely Planet Travel Guide and read all about the Opunake Walkway.

This was revealed on the morning of September 26 when Rex Langton, the man whose name has become synonymous with the Walkway got a letter addressed to the Opunake Walkway sent to

his home.

The Walkway is included in the 2017 New Zealand Lonely Planet Travel Guide, which is now on sale.

Launched by Tony and Maureen Wheeler in the 1970s, the Lonely Planet Travel Guide has grown to be the world's largest travel guide publisher. As of 2011, they had sold over 120 million copies of their travel books.

It's unsure exactly how or when the Walkway first began, but it is something

to which many well known names around Opunake have contributed, including Ron Burrow, Dudley Morris and Doug Coxhead.

It is a project for which local Lions Club members among others have been involved for many years. It was once known as the Lions Walkway.

Rex Langton's involvement with the Walkway goes back 12 years, and his efforts have been rewarded with a South Taranaki District Council Citizens award.

He likes saying that you can be anywhere in Opunake, head towards the sea, and you would meet the Walkway at some point.

Among the places of historic interest is the grave of Mary Dobie, who was murdered in 1880, as well as the site where it is believed the first cannonball was fired in New Zealand back in 1834.

A day after getting the letter, Rex is standing on the edge of the Opunake Lake along the road from his Opunake home. Across the street is the Cottage Rest Home, once the Opunake Maternity where so many of Opunake notables including Peter Snell were born.

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Letters to the Editor

Coastal views

Maintenance is a dirty word in anybody's language, but has to be done, and this includes helping our lovely coastal trees to reach the potential that they were planted for. Uncontrolled undergrowth will choke, or at least slow their growth, so yes, what has been done along Halse Place can only help to beautify our coast and town whether the correct approval was obtained or not.

A question. Who is responsible for this maintenance? The Lions Club have done a really

creditable job to create our walkway with a lot of unpaid labour, but there always seem to be a roar made when somebody does a bit of weeding to help trees to survive. As a neighbour of the late Ron Burrow, I know these trees would have been weeded well before now, and the Lions Lookout as well, regardless of the correct permission obtained, and even risked «prosecution» as a previous writer suggested should happen.

Kelly, don't feel special because you made the front

page of the Daily News, when you have lived here as long as I have, you will know that Opunake only makes the front page if there is detrimental news to be made, usually by twisting the truth to create a good story. For a man recently settled in our town, invested heavily in several properties, and has the «balls» to stand for council, you look like a «stayer» to me, so Kelly you have my vote.

I have heard from several new residents that they admire what the many community groups have

achieved for Opunake but think there should be a more co-ordinated approach to their efforts.

Perhaps we need to look at investing in a co-ordinator again, a person that can liaise with all our wonderful dedicated community groups as well as the STDC, one that has Opunake, not the council at heart. This may allow «maintenance» to happen without the perceived risk of prosecution that Mr Gunn alluded to.

*Phil Brown
 Opunake*

Holding the rest of the community to ransom

Being a strong supporter for enhancing the sea views from the roadways along the green belt areas of Opunake, there seems to be a missed point that is constantly being overlooked.

The houses in support of a solid hedge like wind barrier

for the sake of 'their house' are in effect depriving the rest of the community the enjoyment of a spectacular ocean view when they drive or walk along the greenbelt.

I think it's quite amazing, the few houses opposed, have held the rest of the

community to ransom over the enjoyment of the views for all these years. I would like to see the Pohutakawa trees with the boulders between, (similar to that on Bowen Crescent by the monument) be Opunake's signature look. To achieve

this means cleaning and clearing the undergrowth from years of neglectful management by the council.

This view is shared by the majority of residents that appreciate what Opunake is renowned for.

*Kelly Knadle
 Opunake*

The age of the Earth

A question for your correspondent Richard Oliver. You stated in your last column: 'The world itself is some

4.5 million years old' My question is: In Genesis chapters 1 and 2, the world and everything on it and around it was created over

a six day period. From the biblical record I understand this occurred around 6000 years ago.

How does Mr Oliver

reconcile his view with the record of scripture?

*Murray Baylis
 Opunake*

BBC: Three Bibles

There are three Bibles. The first Bible was written in the stars and it is shown by the ancient Zodiac. It starts with star sign Virgo and includes three deacons. A deacon is the smaller star signs. There are three deacons with each of the twelve major signs.

Virgo, for example, has Como, or virgin with child, Centaurus, the all powerful with a dart to kill the victim, and Arcturus the great Shepherd. When it is understood that Centaurus is

the grown child of Como, as is Arcturus, and the victim (from the next star sign of Libra) is the same person again, willingly sacrificed to balance the scales of justice, then the Christian story of God becoming man through a virgin birth to be sacrificed becomes clear.

Libra continues the price paid concept with its two other deacons, the Southern Cross for the way the price is paid and Corona Borealis or the crown of heaven.

Again another star sign

show a serpent is trying to get his head into that crown. This struggle is further illustrative by Scorpio which shows this same serpent being held back by Ophiuchus. He stands on Scorpio's head, but Scorpio has his tail raised to sting him in his foot. (See Genesis 3 v15) That's a quick look at the first Bible.

The second Bible was written in the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. Normally referred to as a tomb, this is the oldest and

biggest pyramid. It has none of the normal funereal art work or trappings. It also has an empty tomb in the Kings chamber. Compare that with the empty tomb of Jesus. The missing capping stone of this pyramid shows that the chief cornerstone was rejected. Although claimed to be early Egyptian it is quite possible the Great Pyramid predates all the Egyptian dynasties.

Finally we have the written Bible. The word Bible means books. The collection of what are considered Holy Books create the Holy Bible. The oldest of these books is Job, written before Abraham. Then Moses wrote five books, Genesis being the most famous.

The Genesis story starts before the universe existed. It claims, as present scientific evidence suggests, that the universe, our galaxy, our solar system and our planet, came from nothing. It also suggests that everything, including life itself, was designed and created. Life, our world, us, didn't happen by chance.

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One hundred - not out for Flo

Flo Hollins celebrated her 100 birthday at the Jean Sandel Retirement Village Rest home in New Plymouth a week ago on September 29 with musicians "Otto and Clare" providing the entertainment.

One of six children with four brothers, one who still lives in the UK after returning from the USA, Flo moved to New Zealand in 2002 when "we lost Dad" said Flo's daughter Madeline. Flo's only daughter Madeline moved to New Zealand with her husband in 1984. Flo settled in Omata near New Plymouth where her daughter and husband still live and was living independently till 2013 when unfortunately she broke her hip.

Florence - "I go by the name Flo" - was born in England in Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, a city commonly known as the Potteries because of its history with pottery manufacture with companies such as Royal Doulton and Wedgwood founded and established there. Her father was a potter. In the late 1920s because



Flo Hollins with her daughter Madeline...

of the Depression and the lack of demand for fine pottery, Flo's father lost his job. The family later moved to Gresley, Nr

Burton-on-Trent where her father found work again. "Always good with figures," during the war Flo worked for the Ministry

of Supply in finance. She met her husband Samuel at an annual fair held in the town she says and they were married in 1940 before Samuel served in World War 11. During the war Samuel's mother used to look after children evacuated from Liverpool during the war on their farm, says Flo.

The couple later moved to nearby Rangemore Village where they had a small farm. Samuel's family also lived in the village where his sister and husband kept the local shop and post office. Flo remembers meeting up at the local pub on occasions where the evacuated children who were grown joined them to have a sing song and also the actor Jon Pertwee who became the third Doctor Who, was a regular at the village pub which they would frequent. After the family moved away from the village Flo worked in sales for a brewery Marstons in

Burton-on-Trent for which she has fond memories of as she met and talked with many of the local publicans.

"She was very independent," said Madeline of her mother adding that she has always been "a very hard worker" and a keen gardener. "She misses her garden."

Flo has two grandchildren and two great grandchildren who live locally and are able to visit her regularly which she enjoys.

Flo's mother lived to 99 and her grandmother made it well into her 90s so Flo, who has beautiful skin and looks much younger than her 100 years, attributes her longevity to genetics and determination to carry on no matter what challenges you face in life. Apart from hearing

loss and troubles with her eyesight, Flo is in good health and enjoys listening to talking books. We - along with the Queen

and a host of other dignitaries who also honoured the milestone - extend to Flo our congratulations and very best wishes.

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... and with Nurse John Munro.

Walkway gets worldwide exposure

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"This is where I took out 32 trees to start to open up the lake," he says. "My first job was to put in the

footpath along the edge here. That was 12 years ago. Before then there had been a little track, but that had disappeared, and you couldn't walk around here."

Just as nobody seems sure exactly when the Walkway started, it continues to be a work in progress with parts of town being added all the time. Rex said they are waiting for the council to put a bridge across to the Te Namu area.

Another addition he would like to see is the Waiau river mouth.

"There's some beautiful views down there," he said. Years ago, the road there had been closed off, and although there had been talk at various times of it being reopened, nothing had ever come of this, he said.

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COUNCILLORS COMMENT

Councillor's final comment

Bowing out after nine years as a STDC Councillor it is perhaps timely for a little reflection.

Nine years ago, earthquake prone buildings were certainly not "top of mind." However the Christchurch earthquake changed that. Council has assessed more than 30 of its buildings across the district and is currently assessing a further 20 that are considered to be potentially "at risk." The Water Tower surprised many of us, as while requiring some work to bring it up to an acceptable standard, the work required was relatively minor. The Hunter Shaw Building (the brick building in Patea on the left heading south by the waka) was one that wasn't so good, and after examination was immediately closed, and will remain so until repaired. This building showed a large crack around the ceiling/wall join which seriously affected the strength of the building. Others such as the Eltham, Manaia and Hawera Town Halls while probably not as serious as the Hunter Shaw, were still well below the



Cr Ian Armstrong

acceptable standard and are being strengthened.

Relocatable houses were causing problems with a number being shifted then left in a poor state upsetting neighbours and others. I wanted to do a "Show and Shame" in the local papers but that idea didn't get council acceptance, however a repayable bond at an amount assessed to cover the cost of bringing the building up to an acceptable standard, plus a margin, repayable as the work progressed, seems to have solved this issue.

Hawera's TSB Hub has been built, and while many readers of this article may think that doesn't really affect us much, it has brought a number of events such as the Davis Cup tennis, and Kapa Haka such as Hui Aaranga in to South Taranaki that

otherwise wouldn't have come.

A very large amount of money has been spent on water upgrades to a number of towns. While lately I know there have been problems with discoloured water in Opunake, the head works are vastly improved. Visiting this site nine years ago I made the comment that they were "Third World". This is certainly not the case now and once the pipe flushing has been completed, I am sure the quality will be consistently improved compared with nine years ago (if not, I am sure I will be told, especially after writing this).

The Long Term Investment Fund stood at \$105 million. It currently totals \$132 million and \$51 million has been taken from it over that period to subsidise rates and help service loans for community facilities that we probably wouldn't otherwise have. In my opinion council has been very sensible with this fund by using its returns responsibly to the benefit of current ratepayers and people in the district but also ensuring its real value doesn't decrease.

A small group of Councillors and staff have been spending a huge amount of time reviewing the District Plan over the past two years.

This contains many of the rules we as residents must abide by in terms of land use. It has been interesting seeing the issues that have arisen during this process that weren't quite so important ten years ago when the current plan was adopted. These have included renewable energy, protecting remaining natural biodiversity and climate change effects.

More recently cycle and walkways have received more attention.

It has been an interesting period to be on Council. I have met and worked with some great people. In terms of the other councillors, all of them work with the best intentions to benefit South Taranaki. There have been no egos getting in the way. We have had some very strong discussions and I certainly haven't got what I wanted, or thought best, many times. Seeing what happens around other parts of New Zealand, I really believe South Taranaki is extremely well served by the people who work for council, who so often go well beyond what could reasonably be expected of them.

For those who have voted for me and given me the opportunity, thanks.

Ian Armstrong

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Manaia WI

The October meeting was held in the lounge of St. Cuthbert's Church, Manaia on Tuesday October 4.

Seven members had attended the Kapuni WI meeting to hear Sgt. Natasha Cameron speak on her summer spent at Scott Base, Antarctica.

Several members are going to the West Coast Regional day at the Pihama Lavender Farm.

Marion Smith spoke about

the history of Wanganui, and her father and grandfather growing up in the Wanganui district.

Competition results: Shrub: 1st Ann Chisnall, 2nd Daphne Ashley, 3rd May Mulholland. Any other stem: 1st Joy Brogden, 2nd Daphne Ashley, 3rd Phyllis Malcolm. Home Craft - Date Scones: 1st Joy

Brogden, 2nd Marion Smith. Hand Craft - Prettiest Coat Hanger - 1st Ann Chisnall, 2nd Daphne Ashley

The wondering coin was won by Anne Megaw, and the Mary Hutton Trophy was awarded to Meg Kelly.

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Rave reviews for Manaia footpaths

September 23 was a day for the people of Manaia to celebrate their new footpaths.

The weather also came to the party with a fine spring morning, as pupils from the Manaia Primary School and Manaia Community Pre-School joined members of the public in trying out the new Karaka, Kaipi and Patukukupa Street footpaths for themselves.

The Walk, Cycle, Run began at the Manaia Primary School with the younger pupils going around the block, and being joined by children from the Manaia Community Pre-school on the way. Older pupils and members of the public took the longer route back to the school.

This was one of four similar projects the South Taranaki District Council had been working on, along with Normanby-Hawera, Denby Road, and "the big one" from Lake Rotokare to Lake Rotorangi, deputy mayor Ian Armstrong said.

Rick Harvey who lives on Karaka Street was prepared to give the paths a tick of approval.

"This is a great moment for Manaia," he said. "You have a lot of people doing the loop around here, so you have to keep your wits about you. These paths would be a foot wider than the other ones, and would be a lot safer for pedestrians and what have you."

Manaia Primary School has just come out of two and a half years of commissioner's governance, and school principal Jane Portman said the footpaths would be good for the school.

"It's fantastic," she said. "You can now get to Manaia School without having to worry about walking on the road or on the verge. It's neat to have the community here, and to bring the school back into the hub of the community."

Bryan Roach and Bonita Bigham who represent Egmont Plains on the South Taranaki District Council



Look at this. Manaia Primary School pupils take to the new footpaths.

were also pleased with the footpaths.

"The best thing about these footpaths is they cater for both the young and the elderly, particularly as with an ageing population you are going to see more people using mobility scooters," Cr

Roach said.

Cr Bigham who lives in Manaia said the new footpaths would be good for both the school and the town.

"My vision is for a walkway that goes right round the town, but this is a great start to improve access ways

through our town.

"My immediate family has a history of more than 80 years with the school. My mum finished there in 1940, my son finished eight years ago, and I was there 40 years ago, so it's been good to be back at the school to help them celebrate."

Also there was Cr Phil Nixon who represents Tangahoe on the South Taranaki District Council. Although Manaia is not in his ward, he still has connections to the town and to the school.

"This was my school, and I did all my primary school years here," he said. "I've got some fond memories of this place. I'm really excited for them as a school and as a community. I think this is fantastic. It's great for the kids to have safe footpaths."



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Members of the Historical Societies of Eltham and Okato met recently at the Okato Community Trust Hall. Okato president Karen Chard is speaking.

On Wednesday September 28 several members of the Eltham and Districts Historical Society Inc visited the Okato and Districts Historical Society at the Okato Community Trust Hall. Apart from the social aspect and a pleasant lunch, the idea of the meeting was to have an enlightening exchange of ideas, with the emphasis on the optimal way to preserve historical treasures, especially photographs, as well as documents. Also present at the event was Chanelle Carrick, Curator Pictorial Collection, Puke Ariki to provide support and guidance.

President of the Okato group, Karen Chard, gave an informative address and warm welcome to the eight members of the Eltham group, who were led by their

president Jenny Mack. Karen also introduced her members including Meg Cardiff, "who likes to carry out research."

A feature of the Okato operation is the classification of all photographs and their scanning onto computer, so the originals do not have to be further handled, and then stored in acid-free boxes for posterity. "It's a huge job, undertaken by members Anne Bolton, Deb Coltman and Dave Gallie," points out Karen. A TSB Community Trust grant has helped with the computerisation of the pictures through the purchase of the "Past Perfect" (which does not require an Internet connection) cataloguing software and computer upgrading.

However, Jill Bennett pointed out that Eltham people are keen to see

originals, not to see the image on a computer. Karen explained that she gets similar sentiments; "People like to handle photos, but we discourage this." She adds, "The quality is just as good on the screen." Access is now possible without handling which ultimately leads to damage.

Karen mentioned the Facebook page she is developing. "It's will be great way to keep the community involved."

Chanelle explained various important aspects to ensure pictures and documents are not damaged, Wearing gloves was important otherwise precious historical items can be damaged by the acid on our hands. Temperature and humidity were also important to be optimally controlled, but she acknowledged, with limited resources, the preservation involved "a balancing act." Optimal care, "Can make a hundred year difference in the life of an item," she explained. She said the worst thing you can do is to laminate an item, as this will

lead to inevitable damage. Storage boxes and mounts must be acid and lignin free.

The Eltham members said they did have a computer, "But we are not on line." Furthermore, the members said they needed to know more about how to use it optimally.

The Eltham Society is happy to research information on request, such as newspaper entries from the past, but charge \$25 per hour for the service.

Many more issues were discussed, and this account features just a selection. Both societies would be delighted to have more members, or hear about any information of a historical nature as well as to receive old photographs and documents into their care.

The Eltham and Districts Historical Society Inc is located at 17 Castle Street, Eltham (Phone 06 764 7172). The Okato and District Historical Society is based at 47 Cumming Street, Okato (Phone Karen 06 752 4363 or Anne 06 752 4499).

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Kuriger, Conrad Meinrad

13 December 1922 to 1 September 2016

Born on the 13 December 1922 in the Kuriger farmhouse at Oaonui. Con was the third of eight children born to Swiss Immigrants Johann and Rosalina Kuriger (nee Kalin) both from Einsiedlen. The Kuriger family spoke only Swiss at home in the early years, and Con learned English when he started at Oaonui School, which was a 3km walk, often in bare feet. At home there was no power, telephone, radio or running water. Outings were on horse and gig to church in Opunake, and visiting Swiss families in the wider district.

The Kuriger farm was adjacent to the Moutoti stream, halfway between Witiora and Manihi Roads. Con's love of farming started early in life and all the Kuriger family were involved, milking cows by hand and Con got his first job aged 13, working in the Rahotu and Pungarehu districts, attending school between milkings. After leaving school he was soon back in Oaonui helping the family with dairying and breaking in the land.

Con got his driver's licence aged 15 and held this for 77 years. It is noted that every car he owned was a Ford.

During wartime while his older brother enlisted, their father applied for Con to be exempt as manpower was needed to work the land. However, in 1945 Con was enlisted into the army, and spent 82 days in Trentham for military training and driving trucks around Wellington. Upon his return home he took over his father's lease land on Kina Road where he farmed until 1953.

In 1953 Con purchased

his own farm in Oaonui which was adjacent to the Oaoti Stream beside the Oaonui Dairy Factory and across the fence from the lease. The same year he met Theresa Joan Butler at a Swiss Cabaret. Theresa was a daughter of Alois (Louis) and Mavis Butler of Inglewood, Alois was also a Swiss Immigrant. Con and Theresa were married on July 3 1954.

They welcomed nine children which kept them busy as they arrived over a 16 year period. All the children attended St Joseph's Convent School and later Opunake High School. They were both involved in school, church and community groups. Con and Theresa continued farming in Oaonui, purchased the neighbouring property on the corner of Kina Road in 1970. They farmed until 1985 when they retired to Opunake.

Con developed a love of the harmonica in his early years. He also learnt the piano accordion and enjoyed entertaining his children with this. The love of the harmonica has continued throughout his life and he was playing until weeks prior to his death.

After 25 years of marriage they travelled overseas for the first time. Over the next 15 years they had trips to Australia to visit children, a trip to Canada and two trips to Europe, and special times in Switzerland meeting Kuriger and Kalin relatives.

Soon after celebrating 40 years of marriage, Theresa passed away suddenly on October 2, 1994. Con's life changed dramatically and he missed Theresa terribly, but life carried on and so did he with his many visits



Conrad Kuriger fondly remembered

to family and friends, and travel within New Zealand.

In 2004 he moved to New Plymouth to be closer to his children, a challenging period leaving the Opunake District after over 80 years, but he settled and enjoyed the new friendships through the church and outings with groups he joined. He regularly drove back to Opunake for Friendship Club, Sunday Mass and visiting friends. In late 2015 he moved to full time care, and once again formed new friendships and met a few Opunake faces.

He was great with dates, figures and family connections, never missing a birthday, but was most famous in the family for his "Conisms" or "Grandad Jokes" – off the cuff statements that will be remembered for many years to come.

Con loved his family, lived by his faith, was proud of his Swiss ancestry, and never forgot the district he was born into. He is missed by his nine children – Theresa Strachan, Conrad Kuriger, Louis Kuriger, Jenny Dravitzki, Lynette Barnard, Noeline Van der Poel, Kathryn Schuler, Beverley Barkley, Brendan Kuriger, son and daughters-in-law, and his 29 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Recently published is "The Kuriger Story" Recording the stories of Johann and Rosa Kuriger and their eight children. A copy was donated to the Opunake Library for the community to read.



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Stay home and vote

It's that time again. The three yearly opportunity for everyone to vote in their local elections. That's mayoralties, (Gosh, don't we hear a lot about Auckland?) councils, community boards, trusts and district health boards.

In times gone by, voting in the local body elections was a matter of turning up at your local kindy, school or hall before 7pm on a Saturday, being slightly embarrassed at having to declare your full name out loud, grabbing the forms, dashing behind the screen and the task was completed. Civic duty done for the next three years.

It was often a time to catch up with neighbours and friends and to marvel at how small the school chairs and tables had become after our years away from school. It felt really good. Tactile, I think the current word is. You handled the marker pen and the forms, and the person behind the desk (notice I didn't say dinosaur, because that would more aptly describe the method



Chester Borrows MP

they used of making sure nobody voted twice) took a red pen and ruled out your name on the electoral roll. Then, (did I say dinosaur? This is brontosaurus territory) a wee sticker was placed over the corresponding number from the butt (unlike when buying a Golden Kiwi ticket) and the whole thing was confidential.

As I said, it felt good. You returned home knowing you had done your bit for the process of democracy.

So why, in the last twenty five years or so, has the local authority voter turnout been

on a steady decline? How steady? Nationally 57% of eligible voters managed to get to a polling place in 1989 and by the last local elections in 2013, that statistic had fallen to an appalling 41%. So way less than half of the population bother to exercise their democratic right to have a say. Common excuses include 'I don't know the candidates' (read the paper or attend a candidates meeting near you). 'It doesn't really affect me' (don't you use the roads, water, sewerage etc?) 'What difference can I make?' (Yes, its an instant gratification world, but you wouldn't like it if you didn't have the opportunity) and there are many other cop outs.

The simple and sad commentary on this is that, despite all the issues that affect every one of us in the area where we live and bring up our families, the turnout has been in decline over the last generation or so. It's fallen dramatically, and only in 2010 did a slight upward trend appear, with polling

coming just days after the 2010 Canterbury Earthquake and with heightened interest in the 'Super City' concept in Auckland.

So here's my early plea for everyone to have their vote and you can do it in the comfort and privacy of your own home. Now we have postal voting. Don't leave the voting papers on the fridge, the side board or in the centre console of the car. Grab them and do what you have to do with them. Healthy democracy depends on everyone voting. If its good enough for people to stand for office, then we all should take the opportunity to say what we think. You owe it to yourself and to your family. Now, its even easier than going to a booth. The polls close at midday this Saturday October 8th.

Once you have posted your papers, or you have delivered them, you'll feel good.

Chester Borrows
MP for Whanganui

Making sure no one is left behind

Of the many enjoyable parts to my job, the most satisfying is meeting New Zealanders of all stripes. Every day, I find more and more people concerned that New Zealand is turning into a country where only the very wealthy can get ahead. That those in the middle who once took it for granted they would one day own their own home no longer feel they can achieve that.

I'm talking about the people who thought that by working hard they could provide comfortably for themselves and their kids - and who now find they can't even afford to rent a home. Young people fresh with tertiary qualifications finding that the only work available for them is low paid and with no security. Small business owners who find

themselves muscled out of markets by the deep pockets of big multi-nationals.

Politics is a complex business. Arguments about how we are right or left don't acknowledge how most people see politics. Most of us are simply concerned about the vision for our country and the future we might aspire to.

The people I meet every day are a mix of views and backgrounds, and mostly describe themselves as being 'in the middle.' They tell me they want more out of politics. They want parties to be coming up with solutions to the issues that affect them and their families, rooted in values and a vision of a better New Zealand.

What voters care about is whether governments are de-



Andrew Little MP

livering on the key issues they care about - the economy, housing, education, health, community safety. In all of these areas, people in the middle are missing out under National.

Take the housing crisis. In New Zealand we now have a generation coming through who every day see the dream of home ownership slipping further out of reach, no matter how hard they work or save. We have children - in New Zealand of all places - sleeping in cars, under bushes, and in cold, damp, mouldy homes. In the face of this crisis, people don't want Labour to 'move to the centre' and adopt National's policy on housing. They want bold, credible policies to build

more houses, crack down on speculators and make sure every kid gets to live in a warm, dry home.

Likewise, when older people can't get their hip replacement, or a working mother can't afford to go to the doctor, I'm not going to move closer to National, I'm going to call out the cuts to the health system and demand better.

When there aren't enough cops and people are being bashed up and beaten in their homes, in their shops and on the streets, I'm going to demand more cops and safer communities.

And when the government proposes bigger class sizes and more 'voluntary' donations from parents, I'm going to stand up for a world-class, free education system that gives every kid a fair shot.

That's how I approach politics, and it's why we must change the government next year. I'm in this job because I want a New Zealand that gives people opportunities, that builds a strong middle class and that makes sure no one is left behind.

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A place in Kaponga to drift in

A former Vet clinic building is now home to Kaponga's new café.

The Drift Inn Café has been open for the last 10 weeks, and as well as pulling in local support, has also attracted customers passing through town from other parts of Taranaki, and as far afield as Wellington and Tauranga, café owner Cherie Bunn says.

Four and a half months ago, she decided Kaponga needed a café so she got to work.

"Being a rural town, there's many an occasion I would have liked to have got a take-away piece of cake, but it's a bit far to travel to Stratford," she said.

She comes with 15 years experience in the hospitality industry going back to her days behind a rugby club bar. From there she graduated on to fine dining, and then back to café work. Having her own place was always a goal of hers.

The Victoria Street building near the Egmont street crossroads seemed ideal. It had formerly been a vet clinic, and Cherie said locals had told her that it in a previous life it had once been a shoe shop.

After being knocked back in the search for loans, she spent some time working in Tauranga so she could raise the necessary finance then



Chris Dunlop and Cherie Bunn in their new cafe.

came back to Kaponga to get the café ready for opening.

She did the painting and building herself, much of it self-taught through watching video clips on YouTube.

Much of the equipment, she said was donated courtesy of the local community.

Cherie and Chris Dunlop arrived in Kaponga three and a half years ago. New Plymouth-born Chris had already been working here for a year after having got a job with START Taranaki working with at risk youth. Taupo-born Cherie had grown up

in Rotorua and has lived in Taranaki for the last 25 years.

"I fell in love with Kaponga and never want to leave," she said.

Since opening, the café has regularly hosted functions for local community and school groups and built up a strong local customer base. There is a community notice board inside the café and space for local artists to display their work, as well as a play area for children. Future plans include adding an outdoor dining area.

The café uses fresh grown

locally grown produce where possible, while trying to avoid preservatives. Free range eggs are used.

And the name?

Cherie said she had wanted to call her place the Drifters Café to reflect the proximity to the Surf Highway, but had been told this would not be possible, so Drift Inn it became.

"We want people to not just come in, eat and leave, but to enjoy the experience. We want to be for all sorts of people, not just a select group."

Top apprentices launch campaign

Last month, Hon Louise Upston MP, together with the country's brightest apprentices have kicked off a national campaign encouraging more school leavers to sign up to earning and learning on the job.

The Got A Trade Week campaign aimed at raising awareness of careers that exist in 140 trades and services in New Zealand.

Got A Trade Week chair, Andrew Robertson says New Zealanders are well informed of the career opportunities in building, construction and other traditional trades, but there is less awareness about apprenticeships being offered in the growing service sectors, such as health and wellbeing, and retail supply chain.

"We're not just building houses, we're building whole communities. In Auckland, the unitary plan will see people living more closely together in new residential communities, and this will create retail hubs and hospitality precincts, and nationwide, with an ageing population, New Zealand will see more aged care facilities being built.

"The country will need to recruit more than a few more chippies. While we still need qualified apprentices to work in the traditional trades there are genuine opportunities for school leavers to earn national qualifications in the service sectors that will underpin the communities of the future," said Mr Robertson.

According to 2015 Immigration NZ data, one third of the occupations on the Long-Term Skills Shortage List are trades and services.

"There is a worrying trend of major shortfalls being predicted, and by 2020 there will be high demand for employment created by industry growth and replacement demand across all sectors," says Mr Robertson.

"Only 28% of school leavers go to university. Got A Trade Week is about show-

casing the opportunities that exist out there for the other 72%," says Mr Robertson.

Trades and services typically refer to jobs that require practical skills and on-the-job training. This includes everything from construction, engineering and transport, to hairdressing, hospitality, aged care workers and retail. There are hundreds of roles to choose from, and long-term career prospects for young people who are keen to work and willing to learn. This is

an important conversation for jobseekers, for educators and for whanau.

Associate Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Louise Upston says she backed the campaign.

"I strongly encourage school leavers, parents, teachers, job-seekers and those looking at getting back into a career or gaining a qualification to investigate the opportunities offered in trades and services," she said.

Last month in history Roald Dahl born

On September 13, 1916 Roald Dahl was born in Wales to Norwegian parents. He is known for his short stories, plays, children's books, as well as his inventions. He has written about 30 books including *The Twits* and *Charlie & the Chocolate*

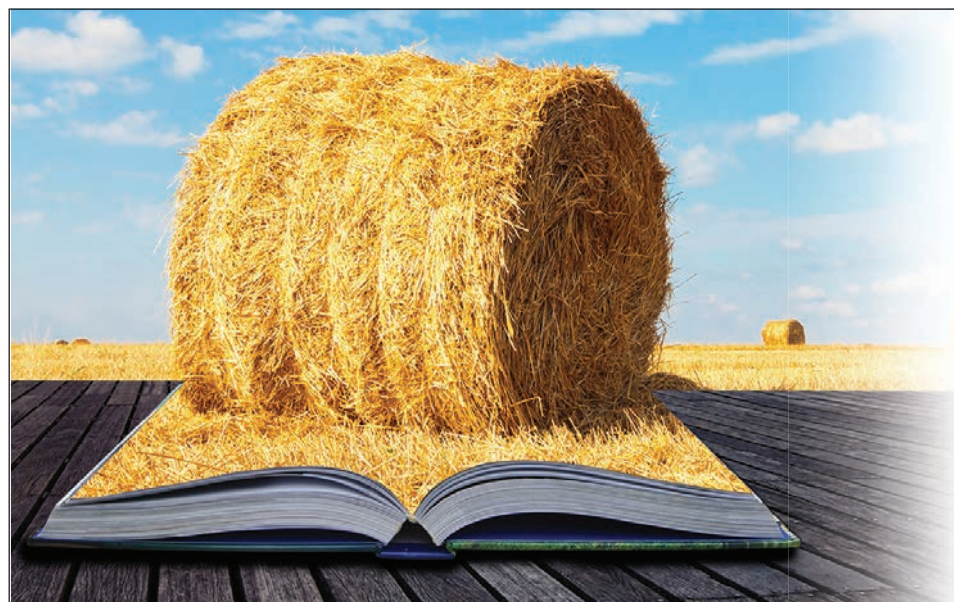
Factory. Some of these have been made into films.

He was an unusual man. When his actress wife (Patricia Neal) said she'd like a pet bird he bought a huge number and released them to the annoyance of his neighbours.

He was a friend of Dame Joy

Cowley. She said he was unusual because he claimed to dislike children. They were, "Noisome little bastards."

He made a film of one of Joy's books – he was the first to do so. The two writers kept in touch after the film was made.



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Glowing crayfish lands on Fish, Chips & More

Recently, a large crayfish took up residence above Fish, Chips & More, 61 Tasman Street in Opunake. At night the crayfish positively glows and makes itself very noticeable.

The crayfish's projected arrival followed a conversation the shop's owner Bill Hayward had with local businessman Steve Corkill, who commented, "You should have a light in front of the shop." He added, "I've always wanted to make a crayfish."

About two years went by and other Opunake people got involved. Murray McEwan and Mike Quintas designed the crayfish, Mike carried out the stainless steel work and Steve added the unique lighting using state-of-the-art methods. The original prototype was considered was too small. "No we've got to make it big," protested someone. Now that the crayfish is mounted Bill and his wife



The glowing crayfish which is now part of Fish, Chips & More in Opunake.

Ali are delighted. "It's absolutely fantastic. We're thrilled," they enthuse. Bill adds, "Every comment we've had is good, such as, 'Unique. Fabulous.'"

Now that Daylight Saving is here the shop has longer hours (10am to 8.30pm). Call by and have a look. Bill and Ali have more plans for Fish, Chips & More,

such as booths outside made of stainless steel, "So all customers will be protected from the weather." Bill adds, "The booths should be quite nice for summer."

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Last month in history TS Eliot born

On September 26, 1888 Thomas Stearns Eliot, poet, playwright, literary critic and editor was born in St Louis, United States, although he lived most of his life in Britain. His works include The Wasteland and Murder in the Cathedral. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1948 (His favourite work Four Quartets probably led to his award). He died aged 77 (1965) in Kensington, London.



His Old Possums Book of Practical Cats inspired the famous musical 'Cats' by Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

He (and his first wife Vivienne) was a friend of New Zealand writer Katherine Mansfield.

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Powerco public safety mural for Opunake foreshore

A concrete building on the Opunake beachfront has been transformed into a work of art with an electricity safety theme.

Powerco has commissioned Taranaki multi-media artist Phil Jones to paint a jellyfish-inspired mural on the outside of the building in front of the Opunake Beach Holiday Park. Owned by the South Taranaki District Council (STDC), the building houses an 11,000 volt Powerco electricity transformer and associated equipment and cables.

Powerco Group Health Safety Environment and Quality Manager Julie McAvoy said the company was excited to be working with the STDC on the project and to have gained support from the Egmont Plains Community Board for the mural.

“With Opunake fast becoming a town known for art and public murals, we believe the high profile building on Opunake’s beachfront is the perfect location for our latest safety art project,” she said. Powerco hoped the



A mural warning of shocking consequences is one of the latest additions to the Opunake Beach Holiday Park.

novel approach would help communicate the company’s safety messages to the public, she said. “Power networks have high levels of electricity running through them and people must stay away from all electrical equipment,

such as transformers and especially downed power lines at all times.” In recent years, artworks associating the hazards of electricity with dangerous creatures – raging bulls, wolves, spiders and jellyfish – have been

painted on a number of electricity transformers and buildings housing Powerco equipment in New Plymouth. The beachfront location in Opunake is seen as the perfect spot for a safety mural featuring jellyfish and bluebottles.

Vehicles to consider

With SUVs and pick-ups continuing to dominate the sales of new vehicles, the October issue of NZ Autocar featured myriad tests and comparisons of these popular high-riding machines. Holden’s refreshed Colorado gave the best-selling Ford Ranger a decent run for its money, while the Mercedes Benz GLC 250 duked it out with BMW’s X3 xDrive28i, another close-run thing. VW debuted its impressive

Tiguan replacement. Some time was spent in BMW’s 225xe Active Tourer plug-in hybrid, as well as coming to grips with a gentle giant from the US, via Australia, a RHD conversion of the RAM 2500. Even the weenies got a run, with a trio of turbocharged city high risers compared; Renault’s new Captur came up against Holden’s top Trax and Suzuki’s value-laden Vitara Turbo. Lest we forget about

passenger cars, a handful of exotics helped round out the issue, including the most significant refresh of Nissan’s ballsy GT-R yet, tested on track and on road, and proving it’s not just a one-trick pony. And on the motorcycle front, the smallest of the new Bonneville’s are another retro triumph from the popular British firm, while we also checked out the newest Victory offering, the Octane, based

on the tasty Indian Scout. Plus there’s a look at a pair of classic speedsters from the past, an Escort RS2000 and a WRX-RA. Peugeot’s SUV line is set to be bolstered further with the addition of the seven-seater 5008 to the five-seat 3008. The 5008 will be available with a variety of petrol and diesel engines, all with stop-start technology and mated to six-speed automatic transmissions. NZ Autocar

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Service in Egmont Plains rewarded

South Taranaki District Community Awards were presented on September 7. Individuals and organisations were honoured for their volunteer contributions to South Taranaki, including a number from the Egmont Plains Ward. Longstanding Auroa identity Bert Sandford was honoured for the support he and the Sandford group of companies have given to community projects over the years.

Jan Arthur of Manaia has volunteered hundreds of hours at the Manaia Primary School. Her involvement with the Hawera SPCA led her to set up their Op shop in Hawera, and she has been one of the leading lights of the Manaia Skatepark Committee



Bert Sandford receives his award from Ross Dunlop. Craig Dingle announces the recipient.

Linda Campbell of Pihama has been a member of St Johns and St Johns ambulance driver for the last 25 years. She has also coached and umpired sport, been active in St Pauls Church and the Pihama Womens Institute. Her community interests have included being a member of the Opunake Emergency Management Group.

Lola Katene of Manaia has been the driving force behind enabling young children to attend activities at Manaia LibraryPlus, is involved with Matua Whangai and runs holiday programmes.

Michael Corkill of Opunake was honoured for his services as a lifeguard with the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club, a firefighter and youth group leader. Receiving awards but not present on the night were



Manaia Ladies Golf Committee.



Linda Campbell is honoured by Mayor Dunlop.

Debbie Campbell and John and Noeline Graham. Debbie Campbell was honoured for her leadership of Everybodys Theatre in Opunake. She has also been involved with the Opunake Sesquicentenary celebrations and Taranaki Art Awards. Recent projects have included an art collaboration with Robyn Chard to create a mosaic sofa on the Opunake cliff top,

The Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club received an organisation award. They cover the area from Waverley to Warea average over 800 patrol hours per season, with the

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Service in Egmont Plains rewarded



Jan Arthur receives her award.
top guards achieving 100 volunteer hours a season. The Manaia Ladies Golf Committee were commended for their



Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club Michael Corkill and Michael Roach.
contribution to golf which has included raising money and running a junior coaching programme which has turned out Taranaki

age group champions and produced more winners of golfing scholarships to American universities than any other Taranaki club.



Lola Katene is honoured.



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machines at these locations will make it easier for passengers and drivers alike, removing the need to top-up the cards on the bus," says the Taranaki Regional Council Transport Services Manager, Chris Clarke. "Smart Cards offer a significant discount over cash fares, because they bring operational and financial efficiencies. We're very pleased to make it easier for

passengers to use them." The minimum top-up amount has also been reduced, from \$10 to \$5. The Citylink and Connector services are provided by the Taranaki Regional Council and operated by contractors Transit Coachlines (Citylink) and Pickering Motors (Connector). For timetables and fares, go to www.taranakibus.info.



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Tools for making and feeding quality forage

This article will consider some tools to assist in ensuring the best possible preservation.

Two of the key principles are achieving the fastest fermentation to preserve as much forage as possible, and achieving anaerobic conditions by preventing oxygen leaking into the silage.

Crops naturally contain a variety of bacteria species that can convert sugars to acids, thus ensiling a crop. However, the bacteria numbers will vary, and they will produce a variety of acids (acetic, butyric,

lactic). This has led to the widespread use of silage inoculants that supply large numbers of specific strains of bacteria that only produce lactic acid, which is the strongest of these acids, resulting in very fast fermentations.

These inoculants tend to have several strains of bacteria that are active over differing pH ranges, so they act as a relay team, speeding up the ensiling process. The faster the fermentation, the less sugars are consumed by the bacteria, so the more nutrients (dry matter) retained.

Sugar levels are highly variable in many crops, so the best inoculants also contain enzymes that break down some of the fibre to its component sugars, to provide a readily available feed source for the bacteria, resulting in faster fermentations, particularly important in hard to ensile crops, e.g. Lucerne and high protein pastures. These crops are more difficult to ensile well, as their high protein levels tend to buffer (resist) changes in pH, so more sugars are used to produce sufficient acids to achieve a stable pH.

Plastic covers are slightly porous to air, so some oxygen can leak into stacks or bales using standard silage covers. This has led to the introduction of oxygen barrier covers, that can be used in conjunction with standard silage covers or wrap, which may also have an ultraviolet light (UV) filter. The oxygen barrier provides an effective seal against air leakage, resulting in less waste around the edges of silage bales or stacks, which can be considerable in some cases.

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Announcement brings more certainty

Fonterra's annual results announced this morning will increase certainty and security for dairy farmers, in what has been a positive week for the industry.

The continued upward trend of the Global Dairy Trade auction on Wednesday, the modest increase in the payout announced yesterday and now today's positive earnings result from Fonterra

should help dairy farmers feel more confident about the future.

Federated Farmers dairy group chair Andrew Hoggard says although the announcements don't mean farmers will be seeing "cheques in the mail" any time soon, it does mean they

can have confidence in the direction of the industry.

"Farmers own Fonterra, and today's result shows our co-op is performing strongly on the world stage."

It is particularly positive to see the cost-saving programme undertaken by the company has been

effective and company debt has been significantly reduced.

"Fonterra's profits are eventually returned to farmers, and are spent in the New Zealand economy, so this is positive news for all of us," Andrew says.

Farmers must 'lock in the gains' as milk price lifts

DairyNZ is encouraging farmers to lock in the gains achieved in the past two seasons, as a pasture-first farm system will continue to provide payback as the milk price rises.

Chief executive Tim Mackle says the increase to \$5.25 per kg MS for the forecast 2016/17 Fonterra Farmgate milk price is terrific news for dairy farmers.

"This brings many farm businesses to around the 2016/17 break-even milk price of \$5.05 per kg MS, once retrospective payments and dividends are taken into account. This means fewer farmers will need to borrow extra funds this season," says Tim.

"Retrospective payments for next year have also been boosted by 20-25 cents in this announcement, to over \$1 per kg MS.

"Farmers will therefore look at the advance rates and test the effect on their cashflow budget - and winter 2017 will look more promising as the retrospective payments come through."

DairyNZ's Tactics campaign continues to work with farmers to improve business returns under the reduced milk price.

"Many farms have



Time to take stock.

Photo Dana McMurray

developed a disciplined approach to their farm system, having reduced costs and maximised the amount of pasture eaten. Now is the time to continue that focus and regain some lost income," says Twim.

"Making maximum use of pasture is key to any farm's profitability. With this price increase, it's important to take the opportunity to lock in the gains made over the recent couple of seasons.

"Most farmers who have debt have added to that debt following the successive cash losses. It's crucial they keep a focus on generating cash to pay that back."

Farmers are encouraged to re-run cashflow budgets, talk with their bank and

reforecast overdrafts and cashflow for the season.

The Tactics campaign has helped farmers control costs, make timely decisions, utilise pasture and focus on cost-effective systems during the low milk price.

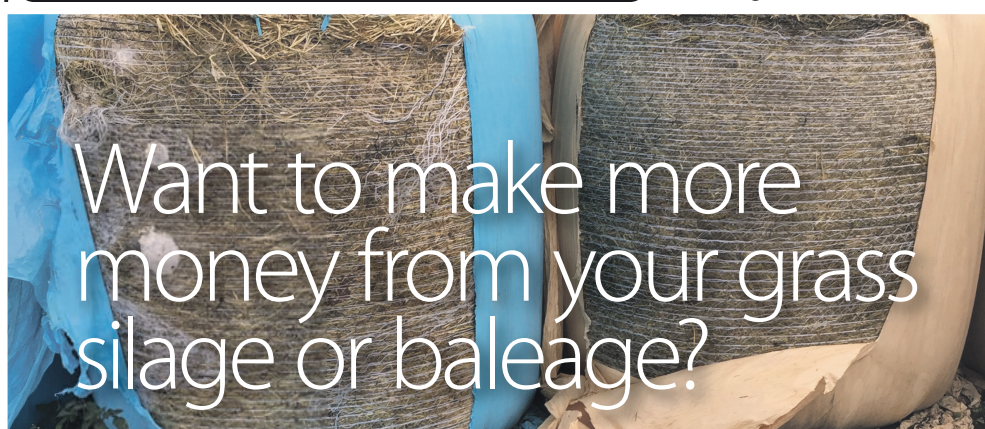
Budget case studies are available online, detailing the financial spending of top-performing dairy farms and helping farmers identify ways to minimise the impact of lower milk prices.

Tactics for Spring events also continue, taking place south of Waikato/Bay of Plenty until early October. These events are aimed at helping farmers manage their pasture during the most productive time of the year.

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Leo calls time on forty years with Opunake- Rahotu Vet Trust

Leo Hickey is calling it a day and stepping down as director/chairman of the Opunake-Rahotu Veterinary Trust.

The Opunake-Rahotu Veterinary Trust was formed in 1991 and since then has distributed \$300,000 to the local community. This year the trustees decided on a one-off grant to the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust to support continued medical facilities being available in Opunake.

Leo traces his involvement back to 1973 when he became a director of the Opunake Dairy Company. He remembers a time when individual vets were employed by the local dairy companies. When the dairy companies amalgamated, this trend was mirrored in the merging of the various vet groups.

He was chairman of the Egmont Dairy Company when they amalgamated with Moa-Nui, and he negotiated a deal whereby the Vet Group would stay locally owned, and the profits would stay in the local area and be available for people studying agriculture or veterinary science.

Opunake's first vet had been Sam Feaver who also doubled as the town chemist before George Cavaney took over from him in that role.



Leo Hickey (right) being presented with a painting on leaving the Opunake-Rahotu Veterinary Trust. With him are son and successor on the Trust - Darrell Hickey (left) and Trust secretary Nevis Brewer.

Leo was a director of the Opunake-Rahotu Vet Group at a time when they were having trouble attracting vets to come and practice on the coast.

Brian Milestone approached the Opunake-Rahotu board of directors offering to take over the Veterinary Group under a lease arrangement and employ the staff, making use of Veterinary School graduates. This led to a

split with the New Zealand Veterinary Council and the Opunake-Rahotu Group going its own way.

The Opunake-Rahotu Group owned a number of houses which were later sold. Their clinic was upgraded, and leased to Coastal Vets. It was decided to use the profits from the interest and rent to help students studying Veterinary Science or Agriculture. This has since been extended to other fields of study. Students

need to either live in the local area or show that they had parents or grandparents who took part in the scheme. This year there have been 42 applicants. Grants range from \$400 in the first year of study to \$1200. Veterinary students usually receive more.

Leo may be leaving the trust, but the Hickey family presence is set to continue, with son Darrell taking on his father's role.

Farmers to have final say on Fonterra governance

One week out from an important vote for New Zealand's biggest company, Fonterra Chairman John Wilson is urging farmers to back changes to the Co-operative's governance and representation so Fonterra can stay focussed on making the most from farmers' milk and growing farmers' wealth.

"Over the past eight months there has been a lot of good discussion on the unique governance structure of the Co-operative. We have considered the different governance and representative roles including the process for electing directors, the size of the Board and the defined role of the Shareholders' Council. The recommendations being put to the vote reflect those discussions.

"There has been good feedback and acknowledgement that we have listened to our farmer shareholders and have adjusted the proposal where there were concerns,

while still retaining the strong points of the original proposal.

"This is a big step to ensuring we have the best people to lead our Co-operative into the future. Now it's up to farmers to have their final say so we can move forward and give our full attention to making the most of improving global markets," said Mr Wilson.

The main variation to the recommendations put before farmers is a new election process for Farmer Directors. The earlier recommendation remains that candidates are selected by an Independent Selection Panel, then approved by the Nominations Committee of the Board and by the Shareholders' Council before they are put forward to shareholders for their vote and support. In addition there is now a path where candidates can stand outside this process and self-nominate. A first past the post majority voting system will mean all Director candidates now need at least

50 per cent farmer support.

"The new recommendation addresses choice by including the option for any eligible farmer in our Co-operative to be able to stand outside the Independent Selection Panel process and to be considered fairly by farmers.

"There is strong agreement that it is time to move our Co-operative forward and for farmers to vote and make the improvements to the election process a reality."

Mr Wilson said the proposals put up to farmers have the unanimous support of two Independent expert panels, the unanimous support of the Board and the backing of 33 out of 35 Councillors.

"What we are looking for now is the final endorsement from farmers. As our owners they have contributed to a quality conversation, and now we ask all our farmers to cast their vote."

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Feds President takes reins at world farming body

Federated Farmers president Dr William Rolleston has been appointed acting president of the World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) at a meeting in Geneva.

Dr Rolleston has been the WFO's vice president, and will guide the organisation until the next general assembly in Helsinki 2017 when a new president will be appointed.

"It's a privilege to be appointed to this role in an acting capacity. The WFO actively promotes the critical



Dr William Rolleston

importance of a sustainable global farming sector for the future of our planet," says Dr Rolleston.

"The WFO is the global voice of farming and partners with the public and private sector to improving farmer's efficiency and effectiveness in the value chain.

"It helps to overcome the global and local barriers to resource and market access."

Dr Rolleston will now be more involved in the many activities, events, policy proposals and advocacy

work that WFO is conducting on behalf of its members.

"Some of WFO's current work includes world food security, climate change policy and practice, WFO's Strategic Plan 2018-2028 and a number of policy initiatives."

Dr Rolleston farms in the South Island and operates a family owned biological manufacturing business there, supplying biologicals to pharmaceutical, diagnostic and research industries around the world.

He has held board positions relating to agriculture, science and economic development and sits on the New Zealand Government's Science Board.

He was the founding chairman of New Zealand's Biotechnology Industry Organisation (now NZBio) and of the Life Sciences Network - an umbrella organisation of science and industry organisations who advocated for science based regulation of genetic modification.

Anglers urged to keep Taranaki clean

The region's anglers are being urged to protect their patch as they head out to their favourite fishing haunts this spring.

Anglers are urged to do their bit to protect Taranaki's rivers and streams.

Moving fish and aquatic plants between waterways not only puts the environment at risk, but also puts transgressors on the wrong side of the law.

"We're particularly concerned about four classified pest fish in Taranaki - koi carp, gambusia, rudd and brown bull-headed catfish," says the Taranaki Regional Council's Environment Services Manager, Steve Ellis. "But the transfer or release of any aquatic life between and within waterways is strictly controlled under a range of legislation." He says the rules are

about protecting Taranaki's rivers and streams.

"Pest fish, aquatic weeds, algae and diseases can have irreversible impacts on freshwater ecosystems and fisheries, so we're calling on all anglers to do their bit to protect their patch.

Anglers should follow the 'check clean dry' procedure to ensure they don't transfer unwelcome aquatic pests between waterways - Check for any plant or animal

material on clothing and gear. Clean thoroughly with detergent and Dry for at least 48 hours before using in another waterway.

For detailed information on cleaning methods, see www.biosecurity.govt.nz/cleaning

Any sightings of pest fish in Taranaki should be reported to the Taranaki Regional Council (0800 736 222) or the Department of Conservation.



Marking forty years celebrating dairying's best

A Taranaki sharemilker is urging farmers to get involved in Taranaki's longest-running dairying competition as the event celebrates a major milestone. Next March will mark 40

years since the first Dairy Industry Awards were held in the region.

Taranaki staged New Zealand's first contest for sharemilkers in 1977. The inaugural event was won by

John Mitchell.

Lance Chadwick, who is a variable order sharemilker milking 230 cows with his wife Hayley, was the 2015 Taranaki Farm Manager of the Year.

"The competition made us look at our business and the dairy industry differently," he said.

"It was a fantastic way to challenge ourselves and build our profile. We met so many cool people."

Taking out the award helped propel the couple up the ladder towards their goal of going 50/50 sharemilking and netted them \$5,600 in prizes.

"We've started building our herd. Those heifers are

currently leased out," he said.

Farmers considering entering the awards are encouraged to attend one of four launches being held at Farm Source stores across Taranaki.

"It'll be really informal, so you can turn up in your overalls and gumboots," said regional convenor Rob van den Brand.

"It's an opportunity for everyone from trainees to farm owners to ask previous

winners about the huge benefits of entering."

"Plus there'll be a free lunch," Rob added.

"Employers should encourage their staff to give it a go because it'll provide them with a fantastic opportunity to learn and grow."

The launch events are being held at Farm Source stores in Waitara and Waverley on October 14th and Opunake and Hawera on October 21st.

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Fertiliser – who is the major stakeholder?

It must be spring. Cows are calving, ewes are lambing and Doug Edmeades has had his annual rant at the “pseudo-science” of Albrecht ratio theory. Yes, there are problems with the ratio theory and (wash my mouth out) there are also problems with Liebig’s Law of the Minimum – the theory that underpins Edmeades’ argument (which states a plant will grow at a rate limited by the most deficient nutrient). Sadly, Liebig’s Law does not take into consideration a major stakeholder – the animal. The Law neither considers the effect of too much nutrient nor does it consider nutrients and levels that the animal may need irrespective of what the plant needs.

The easy answer from Team Edmeades is to just apply any deficient mineral as supplement direct to the animal on one hand and ignore any effects of toxicity on the other. But, minerals have a habit of interacting with each other in any number of complex ways. A high level of one mineral reduces the absorption of another, e.g. potassium is highly antagonistic to



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magnesium. The higher the pasture potassium content the more magnesium the cows will need, so the more supplement you’ll need to get into the cow. The greater the supplement demand the greater the risk of failure to provide enough, particularly if you rely on inefficient methods such as dusting. Get it wrong and health and production is compromised. And don’t forget about the cost of the supplements.

Similarly, for other minerals. High phosphorus is a milk fever risk and magnesium antagonism increases at higher levels. High sulphur affects pasture palatability and appetite,

is highly copper and selenium antagonistic, and is responsible for most of the anti-nutritional problems with brassica crops. All this suggests a better answer would be to control these high levels in grass in the first place and perhaps save some dollars on nutrient.

Conversely, calcium and magnesium content of pasture is generally low. Can we lift the levels of these minerals in pastures to minimise the supplementation problems? As Bob the Builder said before Barack Obama, Yes We Can. But to do it we have to lift soil levels higher than the minimum to grow grass. What should we lift them to? How much is too much? How do we calculate how much we need?

Clearly, besides a Law of the Minimum we also need a Law of the Maximum. There is one body of work that provides some guidance. Yes, William Albrecht. Albrecht was Emeritus Professor of Soil Science at the University of Missouri. He identified relationships between poor soil health and diseases of crops, and animals, and

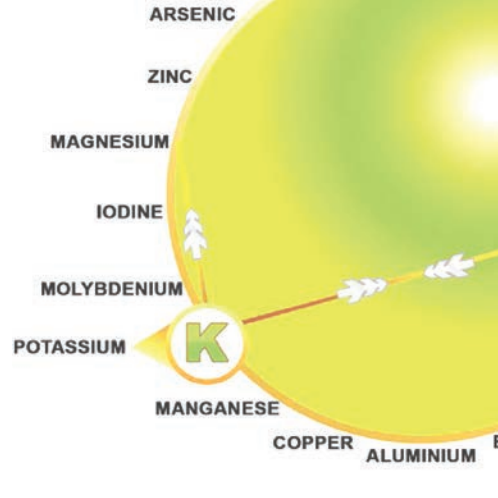
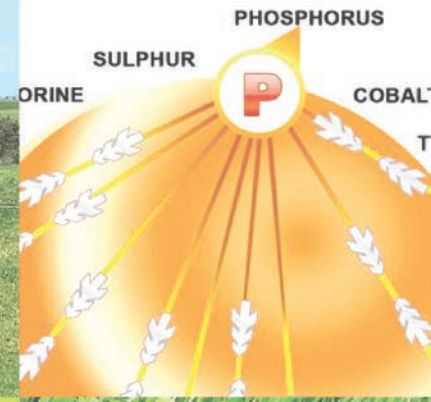
human food quality and published extensively from 1938 to 1970 – the guy deserves some respect. Yes, cation ratio theory has been found wanting with respect to plant production, but it

becomes very useful across the spectrum of soil-plant-animal. Particularly when there is no other “science” we can draw on.

The annual pseudo-science diatribe by Edmeades is

symptomatic of a polarised debate that is severely limiting animal health and production in New Zealand. Better to keep an open mind I would think.

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Feds says it’s simple: comply with the law

Farmers are urged to commit to getting employee records and contracts right after large fines were issued during a Labour Inspectorate investigation into a Taranaki dairy farm.

Federated Farmers Taranaki provincial president Bronwyn Muir says it is essential farmers keep up-to-date contracts and wage and time records for all employees.

“Agriculture needs to attract a good quality,

motivated workforce to drive productivity gains and to improve performance. So farmers need to provide workplaces which will attract those people.

“Getting the basics of employment law right is the foundation to build that attractive work environment,” Bronwyn says.

Federated Farmers regularly holds employment workshops, which have been well attended and promote

best-practice to our members. Legally compliant contracts and employment agreements are available for purchase from Federated Farmers for members and non-members that meet all the requisite employment legislation.

“Legislation does change over time and it’s important to keep on top of changes and keep everything up-to-date.

“We have a large number of contracts, templates and policies available to assist our members to

remain safe and compliant employers. It’s better to pay for advice and be compliant, than pay a fine. “We all need to be compliant for the good of the industry and those who work in it,” Bronwyn says.

Any farmer who is unsure whether their records and documents are compliant should seek assistance immediately.



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Dedication to Surf lifesaving honoured



Surf Lifesaving New Zealand has recently honoured longstanding Opunake Surf Life Saving Club member John Williams for his 50 years service to surf lifesaving.

John, who is a life member and current patron of the Opunake Club was one of 38 people to receive special awards at this year's Surf Lifesaving Awards of Excellence, and one of 10

to receive a 50 year badge. John says he has memories of early morning swimming at the old Opunake High School baths. "There was no roof or heating in those days," he said.

He joined the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club 1966, gaining Surf and Bronze medallions in 1967, and his Instructors Certificate in 1974. He served many years

on the committee, was Club Captain 1970-2, and President 1995-6. In 1994, he received a New Zealand service award when he became a 21 Club member.

As well as "incredible friendships," he includes trips away and clubhouse extensions among highlights of his time at the club, as well as not having ever had any drownings between the flags. His memories include

those of the "two Tonys," Butturini and Gibbs. "Their devotion and catering skills are legendary," he says.

"I got a lot of satisfaction in seeing so many active members on the beach and a strong parental base at the club," he said. He quotes the old Surf Lifesaving adage. "In it for life."

National Provincial Champion



Badinlee Munro Smith was part of the Counties-Manukau team that created history by winning the Women's National Provincial Championship for the first time ever.

They won the Farah Palmer Cup final 41-22 over eight time defending champions, the Auckland Storm at ECOLight Stadium.

Badinlee from Opunake was named Player of the Match. She had moved north last year to pursue her Rugby dreams.

Congratulations Badinlee.

The Munro Smith family has had a huge week in sport with both Badinlee and her sister Jakartia winning national titles in their respective sports.

Jakartia is a member of The Opunake High School National Champion Basketball team.

Primary School Cross Country results

Almost 1100 children from over 80 primary and intermediate schools took part in the Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country Championships held recently.

Results. Girls 11 years-old. 3km. 1. Emma Shotter (Sacred Heart GC). 2. Jessica Frater (Bell Block). 3. Alana Ann Sharp (Highlands). Winning team Highlands (Alana Ann Sharp, Malissa Xu, Grace Foreman, Madeleine Dominikovich).

Boys 11 years-old. 3km. 1. Scott Manning (Mangorei). 2. Drew Sutherland (Highlands). 3. Albie Francis-Alles (Mangorei). Winning team Mangorei (Scott Manning, Albie

Francis-Alles, Jaz Hinton, Devon Lucas).

Girls 12 years-old. 3km. 1. Abby Carver (Hawera Intermediate). 2. Roisin Kennedy (Highlands). 3. Millie Wisnewski (Toko). Winning team. Hawera Intermediate (Abby Carver, Tegan Ngatai, Seree Coombe, Anissa King).

Boys 12 years-old. 3km. 1. Conal Soothill (Hawera Intermediate). 2. Robbie White (Oakura). 3. Kees Millar (Stratford). Winning team Hawera Intermediate (Conal Soothill, Mason Wishnowsky, Tane Leatherby, Henri Eggink). Girls 13 years-old.

3km. 1. Willow Rahui-Brown (Highlands). 2. Lulu Fellows (Highlands). 3. Parez Hanscombe (Devon Intermediate). Winning team Highlands (Willow Rahui-Brown, Lulu Fellows, Lucy Atkinson, Becky Moles).

Boys 13 years-old. 3km. 1. Adam Loveridge (Rawhitiroa). 2. Maz Wisnewski (Toko). 3. Alexis Bahamonde (Highlands). Winning team. Highlands (Alexis Bahamonde, Nate Dow, Lachlan Moles, Ethan Moore).

Girls. 9 years-old. 2km. 1. Jacquelyn Kowalewski

(St Pius X). 2. Lyneka Ross (Merrilands). 3. Tamara Te Waaka (Spotswood). Winning team Toko (MacKenzie Caskey, Pippa Waite, Amy Smith, Lexi Maketoni).

Boys 9 years-old. 2km. 1. Liam Davis (Lepperton). 2. Koby Bird-Luke (Auroa). 3. Blake Hughes (Auroa). Winning team. Auroa (Koby Bird-Luke, Blake Hughes, Jordan Bird-Luke, Jackson McGrory).

Girls. 10 years-old. 2km. 1. Renee Donovan (Oakura). 2. Pascoe Wells (Toko). 3. Lottie Moffatt (Mangorei). Winning team. Toko (Pascoe Wells, Heidi Sextus, Hollie Eagar, Arnika Watson).

Boys. 10 years-old. 2km. 1. Oliver Vickers (Welbourn). 2. Lewis McHugh (Fitzroy). 3. Kace Crofskey (Fitzroy). Winning team. Welbourn (Oliver Vickers, Jackson Bigwood, Floyd Blanchard, Brayden Hills).

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High School girls win national final



Opunake High School Had a clean sweep this season winning New Zealand Secondary School Nationals, New Zealand Secondary School Regionals and The Taranaki Secondary School Competition. Back from Left The Team Manager Catherine Cook, Alycia Lang, Puanani Tahau, Isabelle Cook, Olivia Bright, Jakartia Munro Smith, Coach Angelo Hill, Manager Rebecca Langton. Front from Left Simone Cook, Krysten Johnson, Jessica Roach, Tara Clement, Iritana Hohaia and Tiana Vai Taamaru.

Opunake High School has won the A Girls final of the 'A' competition at the SAS Secondary Schools National Basketball Championships in Palmerston North.

Opunake High School overcame a spirited challenge from Waihi College to clinch the girls title 78-46. It was a sweet victory for them after finishing second in 2015. Waihi will be disappointed with the loss, but won't be too disheartened after improving from their third place position they managed last year.

Simone Cook scored the first points of the final for Opunake with a comfortable lay-up although Waihi were quick to respond as Shavaughn Rakei banked one in off the glass. A vocal Opunake crowd had plenty to cheer about as their side looked to hit Waihi on the break and grabbed a couple of early lay-ups. Waihi looked for their outside shot to start, and despite a couple of early hiccups, Korrina Lindsey connected in a tight first-quarter.

Petra McCowatt was at the heart of everything for Waihi, although she found it tough going against a strong Opunake defence. They were aggressive on offence as well, looking to go inside and draw the foul. Late baskets from McCowatt and Lindsey helped Waihi to edge the quarter 15-13.

Opunake showed their quality in the second quarter, a three from Tara Clement getting the lead back for her side. Iritana Hohaia knocked down a jumper after a well-set screen as the Opunake offence clicked into gear. In contrast, Waihi were struggling as they committed several costly turnovers. A Cooke three ball, Hohaia jumper and a lay-up from Clement ballooned the lead out to 31-16 for Opunake as they moved into another gear. After a big push in the quarter, they headed into half-time with a comprehensive 40-23 lead, shooting 51 per cent. Waihi meanwhile, were only shooting at 31 per cent and committed 10 turnovers.

Waihi came out firing in the third quarter, Kelli Purcell hitting a three as they cut the lead back to 11. The game developed into a slightly messy pattern, but Opunake

continued to frustrate Waihi with their zone defence. Chasing the game, Waihi tried to use a full-court press to force Opunake into errors. They had some success, but finding scoring proved to be a much tougher ask as Opunake swarmed around McCowatt whenever she had the ball.

Heading into the final quarter with a double-digit lead, Opunake continued to control the game, finding the open spaces to convert their shots. Waihi didn't give up, with McCowatt in particular continuing to plug away for her side. Opunake coach Angelo Hill allowed his bench some court time, hugging each of his players as they left the court. The large score deficit proved too much for Waihi as Opunake deservedly claimed the title with a 78-46 victory.

Their stand-out performers included Iritana Hohaia,

who was influential with 19 points, six assists and five rebounds. Tara Clement added some great scoring with 22 points and 7 rebounds, while Simone Cook chipped in with 12 handy points.

For Waihi, McCowatt had another good outing with 19 points and 19 rebounds while Lindsey added 10 points off the bench. Final score - Opunake 78, Waihi 46

Girls Final Teams

Placing. 1. Opunake High School. 2. Waihi College. 3. Stratford High School. 4. Te Aroha College. 5. Buller High School. 6. Te Kura Kokiri. 7. Kavanagh College. 8. Aquinas College. 9. Reporoa College. 10. Greymouth High School. 11. Ellesmere College. 12. St Kevins College.

Girls MVP Tara Clement (Opunake High School).
Girls Tournament Team. Tara Clement (Opunake High School), Bailey Gavin (Stratford High School), Briarley Rogers (Aquinas

College), Estelle Schuler (Te Aroha College), Iritana Hohaia (Opunake High School), Korrina Lindsey (Waihi College), Nicole Stuart (Buller High School), Petra McCowatt (Waihi College), Salley Kurei (Te Kura Kokiri), Simone Cook (Opunake High School).

Girls MVP Tara Clement (Opunake High School). In the A Boys final, St Kevin's College defeated Manukura 71-68. Stratford High School finished third

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Fish and Game critical of DoC

Fish and Game is calling on the Department of Conservation to do more to reduce the threat 1080 poison poses to people gathering food from waterways, saying its present effort is inadequate and self-serving.

Before the trout season opened on October 1, DoC issued a warning to trout anglers not to eat trout from 1080 drop areas for a week after a poisoning operation.

DoC says while it believes it would be rare, it is possible for an angler to be exposed to risk from 1080 by eating a trout which had consumed 1080 bait.

1080 is presently being dropped as part of the national "Battle for the

Birds" campaign to control predator numbers.

DoC's health warning comes after Fish and Game raised serious concerns with both DoC and the Ministry of Primary Industries about the health threat anglers were exposing themselves to by eating trout which had consumed 1080.

Fish and Game chief executive Bryce Johnson says while DoC's acceptance of public health responsibility over the 1080 issue is pleasing, the warning doesn't go far enough.

"Fish and Game questions the basis of DoC's advice, and believes to be on the safe side, the waiting period needs to be much longer.

We recommend instead that anglers wait for a month after a 1080 drop before eating trout from a poisoned area," Mr Johnson says.

And he says DoC could do much more to reduce the health threat. "Fish and Game has trialled how attractive 1080 baits are to trout and unfortunately we have found they will eat them.

"As a result, we have asked DoC not to drop 1080 into or immediately beside rivers and streams. The technology to do this is readily available and is already used in aerial poisoning operations along conservation land boundaries to stop 1080 falling onto neighbouring properties."

"We thought we had reached agreement in talks with DoC last week for this to happen, but DoC now appears reluctant to commit itself to this course of action and we must now assume it has failed to instruct its helicopter operators dropping the 1080," Mr Johnson says.

"We are especially concerned DoC is conducting a major 1080 drop in trophy trout waters such as the Kahurangi National Park over the

opening period of the trout fishing season. These rivers and streams attract local and international anglers who value them highly, yet now face a co-ordinated poisoning operation.

"I expect they will be pretty disgusted if they are showered with 1080 pellets, as has happened in previous years.

"We don't oppose efforts to save New Zealand's indigenous species, but are seriously worried by DoC's inability to organise a poison drop at a less sensitive time of year," Mr Johnson says.

Fish and Game is now calling for more research into how susceptible trout are to ingesting 1080 and the health threat posed by humans eating freshwater fish exposed to 1080.

"There is uncertainty around the existing science. What we need is more robust scientific research to be undertaken to establish once and for all what the risk is to humans and freshwater species like trout and the best way to mitigate that risk.

"That will ensure the long term safety of all people gathering food from rivers, lakes and streams," Mr Johnson says.



Trout might be at risk with 1080 drop by DoC

Last month in history NZ declares war on Germany



On September 3, 1939 NZ declared war on Germany, thus entering the Second World War on the side of Britain and other allies. NZ's Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage declared, "Where Britain goes we go, where she stands we stand." Before his term of office had ended Mr Savage had died and his role taken over by Peter Fraser for the rest of the war.

On this month in history Martina Navratilova defects



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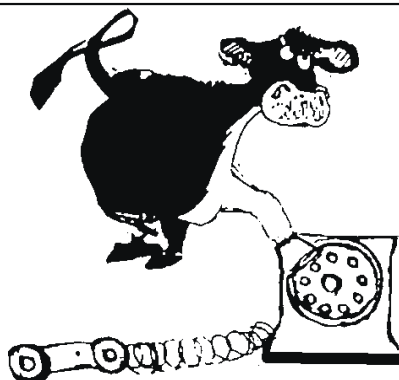
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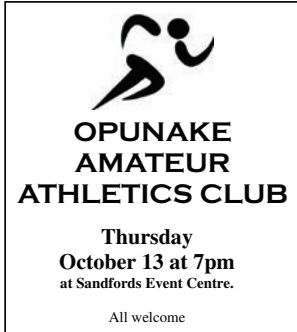
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A.G.M. - Monday 10th October, 7.30pm at the Pihama Hall. All welcome.

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Thursday October 13 at Sandfords Events Centre, 7.00pm. All welcome.

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NGATI TARA 26B AGM

October 15 2016, Orimupiko Marae, 10am

PARTY AT LAWSONS

To celebrate the selling of their house after many years. Saturday night, October 15 2016 at Layard Street, Opunake. Refer public notice

OPUNAKE BOAT AND UNDERWATER CLUB AGM

Monday, October 17 at 7pm at the Middletons Bay Clubrooms. All welcome.

FORGET-ME-KNOT

October 26 to November 5 at The Cue Theatre, Inglewood. Evening performances 7:30pm, Sunday matinee 2:00pm. Refer advert What's On pages.

ORIMUPIKO RESERVES TRUST AGM

October 29 at Orimupiko Marae, 10am at the Orimupiko Marae. Refer public notice

TARANAKI NATIONAL ART AWARDS

29 October - 5 November. Entries due 16th September. Refer advert.

CRAIG FOSS MP

Minister for Small Business, Guest Speaker, Wednesday November 23 at Everybody's Theatre, Opunake, 5.00pm - 6.00pm.

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Founders Pop Up Café now open

Now that winter is behind us, Founders Café is open - albeit in a pop up format, at the Pukeiti Rhododendron Gardens at 2290 Carrington Road.

The café is open from 10am to 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday. With the main building at the garden paradise under major restructuring, Graham and Karen Chard's café is currently operating out of a portacom, something that the couple has discovered is something of a challenge.. "We love challenges," says Karen with a smile. However, as the many customers who sample their takeaway food at Okato will be aware - regardless of the environment the quality of food and friendly service will always be at a high standard.

The couple are environmentally conscious and are using biodegradable utensils and plates made out of bamboo and sugar starch. This will help to minimise the issue of litter which often plagues fast food outlets. Most of the food is

prepared at their Okato premises (Okato Takeaways, 63 Carthew Street) and the main focus is on a takeaway service, however there are some tables and chairs available for those who prefer to sit and eat as they gaze at the Pukeiti gardens and surrounding native bush.

The fare on offer will include sandwiches, toasties, paninis and muffins as well as a range of refreshing beverages including milkshakes, tea and coffee.

The couple are looking forward to the Garden Festivals (October 28 - November 06) when they expect to be very busy. They already have a good number of bookings from groups aware of their excellent reputation and their stunning location.

Graham and Karen see their café as very much an integral part of the Pukeiti operation and they are keen to enhance the experience for garden visitors to the province.

Founders Pop Up Cafe is just a scenic 20km drive from New Plymouth.



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Pukeiti Founders Pop up Cafe

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Mental Health Awareness Week

Racing rubber ducks, mindful walking and breakfasting together are features of the upcoming Taranaki mental health awareness week from October 10-16.

A range of local services and providers have banded together to run different activities throughout the week. The theme of the nationwide promotion is 'Connecting with Nature' so Tui Ora, Supporting Families, Pathways, Progress to Health and the Taranaki

District Health Board are working together to ensure there is a smorgasbord of outdoor action.

"There's a strong network of organisations, dedicated to the wellbeing of our people throughout Taranaki and this is a good chance to promote that and ensure the word gets out," says Tessa Milne, Tui Ora Mental Health and Addiction Services Team Leader.

While health professionals play a big part, family, friends and colleague are often the first ones to notice

the warning signs of mental unwellness, says Tessa. "It might be that a person has changed their eating, can't concentrate, stopped doing things they enjoy or has mood swings. We want people to know that everyone can help - sometimes the simplest things like asking 'are you Ok' can begin a conversation that makes a big difference."

Activities during the week are either free or low

cost. They include walks, tai chi and qigong, as well as a circus workshop at Pukekura Park. There is the chance to try out equine therapy, to eat breakfast at Taranaki Cathedral while raising money for charitable organisations, and participate in a whānau day in Hawera.

The week will conclude with a mass rubber duck race from Huatoki Plaza on Saturday October 15

Getting on your bike as easy as ABC

Spring is here, and with the warmer weather and longer daylight hours it's the perfect time to dust off your bike and sign up to the Aotearoa Bike Challenge.

To encourage more people to discover how easy and enjoyable riding a bike can be, the NZ Transport Agency has partnered with Love to Ride to develop the Aotearoa Bike Challenge, a new, national bike initiative that will take place during February 2017.

Transport Agency National Cycling Manager Dougal List says that with the change of seasons and daylight saving it's the perfect time for New Zealanders to get on their bikes and the perfect opportunity to sign up and get ready for the Aotearoa Bike Challenge in February.

"More people cycling to work, to keep fit, or simply for fun has positive benefits for riders and for our transport networks. The Aotearoa Bike Challenge is a great way to encourage people to get out and give cycling

a go, even if they haven't ridden a bike for a while."

MetService General Manager Corporate Affairs Jacqui Bridges says the Aotearoa Bike Challenge will be a wonderful way to encourage staff to get on their bikes and to generate some friendly competition between the teams.

"MetService is a big supporter of staff well-being and we take pride in being a bike-friendly workplace. We'll be promoting the Aotearoa Bike Challenge to all our staff, not only those who are keen cyclists but the rookie bikers too."



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Sign up online for the 2016 Around the Mountain Relay

This year's Around the Mountain Relay is shaping up to be as much fun or more than last year's event. It is because of the generous support by Taranaki Steelformers and the owners Darrell, Bev and Brendon Back that this event which is turning 10 years old this year can be staged. The event is a wonderful celebration of what and who we are here in the Naki. Hard working outdoor people who are not afraid of tackling big hairy and audacious challenges. The event consists of teams of runners, walkers and composite teams of between 10 and 18 members doing one clockwise lap of Mt Taranaki. It's a fantastic

event for workplaces to enter a team and have a heap of fun while achieving a challenging goal. And by the way those training for and doing the event aren't doing themselves any harm as the summer months loom closer. With teams with names like: Drinking team with running problem, TDHB Where's Wally's Walkers, Auroa Udderly Awesome, Team Tara Knackered and Stratford's Nana's favourites, who wouldn't have a wee chuckle? Event organiser Selwyn Brown says the event receives great support from the coast through schools and different organisations running the various relay transitions

throughout the district. Entrants and support teams will also enjoy a free breakfast at Kaponga and there will be BBQ food available at Norfolk and Rahotu Transition areas. Like last year, the best dressed team and the best themed teams will win for themselves a team banquet at The Crowded House and The Good Home Restaurant and Bar respectively. Teams will be judged as they cross the finish line together on the grass area by the TSB Stadium. It's truly amazing to see how much work has been put in by team members to help make their team either the best dressed or the best themed team entered.

All around the course the efforts of Superman, Wonder Woman, the Dominos and scores of other well dressed runners and walkers add immensely to the fun of the occasion. The run and walk fest continues at the finish where teams can kick back with food and drink available as they are entertained by a live band from mid

afternoon right through to prize giving at 6.30pm. Leading up to the event the first 30 teams to enter and individually sign on to the huge sign on board at New Plymouth's Frontrunner go into the draw to win a team banquet at India Today. Changes this year include an earlier start for the walking teams who will leave New Plymouth at 8.00pm, not the customary 9.00pm, and this change may well see

them contesting for one of the first overall teams to finish. The event also hosts a 100 mile and two person 100 mile running Challenge, and a 50 mile running and walking challenge. All finishers in the 100 mile event which starts from Kent Road at 5.00pm on the Friday night receive a belt buckle and the first male and female runner to finish receive \$1000.00

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Flax of Life at Hollards Gardens


The versatility and beauty of harakeke, or New Zealand flax, will be brought to the fore at Hollard Gardens, Kaponga, this weekend. Members of Te Kohikohinga Raranga, a South Taranaki weaving group, will demonstrate the ancient art of weaving harakeke, from 10am to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday October 8-9 at the Hollard Centre. Visitors will have the

opportunity to work with this iconic New Zealand material and a range of woven items will be on display and for sale. Entry is free. The weekend demonstration is part of a year-round programme of free public events at Hollard Gardens, Pukeiti and Tupare, the three heritage properties owned and managed by the Taranaki Regional Council on behalf of the people of the region.





TARANAKI STEELFORMERS
AROUND THE MOUNTAIN RELAY



4th & 5th November 2016 - please register online

The Taranaki Steelformer's Around the Mountain Relay comprises of teams of between 10 and up to 18 members completing the 150km. There are 21 legs between 3 and 11km. You must have a minimum of 10 team members with a maximum of 18. There is no age limit for participation, however, participants under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Start Times Solo: 5pm Friday 4 November Walkers: 9pm Friday 4 November
Composite: 11pm Friday 4 November Runners: 2.30am Saturday 5 November

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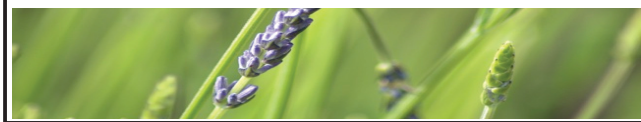
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We all have moments of stress in our lives. Our bodies are designed to cope with small bursts of stress. It's a natural response to a perceived danger that fuels our body with the necessary resources to get ourselves out of that danger and into safety.

But what happens when we feel stressed *all the time*?

I like to call this the "stress express" and too many people these days find themselves trapped on it.

What is the "stress express"?

Stress is ultimately tied to our nervous system, specifically the sympathetic nervous system (SNS), the "fight-or-flight" system, but it also involves our parasympathetic nervous system (PNS), the "rest and repair" arm.

When the nervous system perceives that we are under "threat"—which in modern times can be due to caffeine consumption and/or our perception of pressure and urgency—the SNS raises our heart rate, increases our respiratory rate, releases stress hormones (adrenalin and cortisol) and diverts blood away from the digestive tract to our muscles so that we can run away from, or fight whatever is threatening us.

Are you living on the stress express?



Dr Libby who will be speaking in New Plymouth on October 19 .

The SNS and the PNS are designed to balance each other. The PNS slows our heart rate and respiration, and brings blood to the digestive system so that we can digest our food. It also signals to the body that it can focus on doing all the other important jobs it has, like producing sex hormones and repairing any tissues that have been damaged in our "battle."

When we live our lives ultimately SNS dominant, we end up on the "stress express" and this creates myriad of problems for us.

How do we get trapped on the stress express?

With our busy, modern lives, it's very easy to find ourselves with a one-way ticket on the stress express. We spend most waking moments of each day engaged with something—whether it's managing or supporting our families, working, watching television, worrying we've let someone down, or scrolling through social media. We are a society that is undeniably switched on. Some of us have jobs that expect us to be available 24/7. Others may simply believe that they need every extra minute just to get everything done that they need to.

We're tired. It's exhausting being "on" all the time—so we use caffeine to perk ourselves up. Caffeine sends a message to the pituitary gland in your brain to have the adrenal glands create stress hormones: adrenalin and/or cortisol. This fires us up. We get to mid-afternoon and crash, so we seek out something sugary or sweet, or more caffeine to get us through. When we get home in the evening we feel wired, so maybe we use alcohol to calm ourselves down.

Any one of these elements can be enough to perpetuate a cycle where we are never

truly relaxed and calm and thus we end up on the stress express.

What are some signs that we are on the "stress express"?

You regularly feel stressed or as though you are on high alert. You crave sugars and/or carbohydrates. You struggle to lose weight—no matter what you try. You're regularly bothered by digestive complaints. You regularly sleep poorly and wake up feeling tired. You feel anxious easily. You struggle to say "no." If you're a woman in menstruation years you experience PMS. You feel like everything is urgent and there aren't enough hours in the day. You are a worrier or a drama queen (or king). You love coffee, energy drinks—anything that contains caffeine. You feel that if you don't do it, it won't get done

How do we get off the "stress express"?

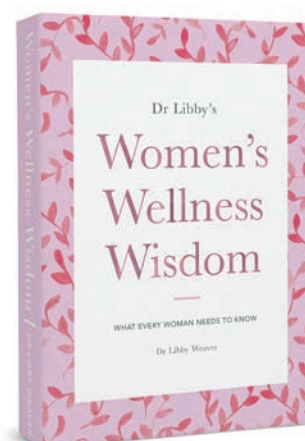
The key to getting ourselves off the "stress express" is to activate our parasympathetic nervous system (PNS). The answer to this could lie solely in giving up caffeine or, at the very least, cutting back to one coffee per day, or switching to green tea which also contains another substance called "theanine" that helps to buffer the effect of caffeine. It's also useful to explore your perception of pressure and urgency. Check whether you apply the same amount to going through your inbox as you do when you have to suddenly slam your brakes on while driving.

Having a regular sleep cycle where you get to bed before 10pm is another option that can make a world of difference. If you struggle to fall asleep, avoid screens for at least two hours before bed, as the light they emit can disrupt your production of sleep inducing hormones.

You might also like to explore how comfortable you are saying "no". You are busy with what you say yes to. If you're a people pleaser by nature, fearful of letting others down, then you will find it hard to say no, and you may be exhausted from trying to appear stronger than you feel. Learning to flex our "no" muscle more regularly can help cultivate a greater sense of spaciousness, more calm, better personal energy and a greater level of wellness.

Some practices that also help us to actively activate the PNS are yoga or restorative yoga, Pilates, tai chi, qi gong or meditation practice. A breath-focused practice such as taking 20 long, slow diaphragmatic breaths every morning before getting out of bed, and every evening before falling asleep can also be highly beneficial.

Dr Libby's new book *Women's Wellness Wisdom* is now available from all good bookstores, she is also speaking across the country during October with her *From Surviving to Thriving* tour – Coming to New Plymouth on Wednesday the 19th of October. More information and tickets \$39.99 and are available from www.drlibby.com



Dr Libbys book.

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DR LIBBY WEAVER'S NEW ZEALAND TOUR

Scott Stechman a great sax man

At the age of seven, Scott Stechman was fascinated by the old church organ, and really enjoyed going to Church, especially to listen to the organist. He grew up in the Wairarapa, and his mum bought him a guitar when he was nine.

"I also wrote my first song when I was nine," said Scott, who was a bit of a rebel as a youngster. "In my early teens I hitchhiked away from home with a group of Gypsies and performed on side shows around NZ," continued Scott. Through this experience on the road, he was able to hone his musical skills.

It was evident that he is multi-talented musician, as I listened to his improvisational skills on sax, flute, guitar, bass and drums. Scott played a variety of instruments at the Opunake Music Workshop on September 27.

"I met a guy with a pan flute, and when I picked it up for the first time, I started playing a tune. At 22 I bought my first flute, and then I spent all my money on a saxophone, before

moving to Wellington in my house truck," said Scott. There he joined a punk rock band called 'Space Monkees', and they played together for five years.

While living in the Kapiti Coast area, Scott ran his own sign writing business for about twenty years. He settled in Manaia with his five year-old son Maxwell seven years ago. He performed

regularly at the Waimate Hotel before it burnt down. He also played the sax in the Puke Ariki big band, which he said was great experience.

"Over the past few years, music has been more of a focus for me, and I've met up with some really good musicians in Taranaki," said Scott.

Not only is Scott a talented musician, but he's also a

whiz on the pottery wheel. At his house, he's set up a kiln and equipment to turn clay into works of art in the form of vases, cups, plates, jugs etc. By the end of 2016, he hopes to turn his pottery-making hobby into a fulltime business. Keep an eye out for his creative pottery pieces.

Keen to help local musicians and singers to record and perform their own home-grown original music, Scott is passionate about encouraging them contributing with his skills on sax, flute and production experience in the recording studio.

Anyone who would like the opportunity to perform in a relaxed atmosphere with talented musicians such as Scott Stechman, along with other regular singers and dancers, please join us at the Opunake Music Workshop, 7:30pm on Tuesday October 11 at the Catholic Church lounge, 33 Whitcombe Rd, Opunake.

Anne Montgomery



Multi-talented musician Scott Stechman from Manaia



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Coastal Reflection at Village Gallery impresses

Eltham's The Village Gallery currently has a superb exhibition entitled 'Coastal Reflections: Pottery and Fibre Art', which runs until October 21. The exhibition features the work of four talented artists Kathryn Gates, Barbara Nicholls, Janette Theobald and Maree Liddington. The official opening was held on Sunday September 25, with three of the exhibitors present. With Christmas not too far off, one of these artistic treasures would make a valued gift, as many exhibits were priced most reasonably. One exhibit which caught my eye was Maree Liddington's 'Rocky Bay' (Tapestry



'Tidal Marks' by Barbara Nicholls.

weaving), which depicted a coastal scene with the words 'Roller upon roller curled and thundered down the rocky

bay'. Most impressive. "I love weaving, especially tapestry weaving," Maree explains. She gets considerable inspiration from walking on beaches absorbing the waves, sand, rocks and reflections. "For this exhibition I have worked on creating movement in the water; texture in the rocks and sand," she says.

Barbara Nicholl's 'Tidal Marks' included two pottery candlesticks - art which would grace anyone's mantelpiece. "For this exhibition I chose a palette of colours that allow the expression of a coastal theme. Barbara has been a potter for 30 years. She won a Merit prize at the New

Plymouth Annual Exhibition in 2009 and 2015. In 2012 she won the Supreme Award.

Kathryn Gates' exhibits, such as Shell Vase 1 (white stoneware), and Coral Vase 1 (porcelain), were most appealing. A potter for 30 years she specialises in platters and bowls using high-fired stoneware and porcelain clay bodies. She has recently become interested in Chinese style glazes - she is enjoying experimenting with ash, copper and barium.

Janette Theobald's exhibits, such as 'Kete Kai' (woven harakeke) received positive comments. She spent her formative years as a fisherman's daughter on Great Barrier Island, and her exhibits reflects her love of the sea and sealife with intricate artistry. "Phosphorescence was my magic, walking mile and a half along the beach, my skirt full of treasure - special shells and stones my joy," she explains. Make sure you make time to view this exhibition featuring



'Kete Kai' (woven Harakeke) by Janette Theobald.

four such talented artists at the zenith of their abilities. Remember, last day is Friday October 21.

Rolland McKellar

Klezmer from the Kugels - AOTNZ tour Oct 2016



From left Robin Perkins, Ross Harris, Debbie Rawson and Jacqueline Nordon.

It's music that makes you want to dance - spirited, wild and haunting.

Now four top musicians have joined together to form the band of their dreams, The Kugels.

Each musician is celebrated in his/her own right, but it is a shared passion for klezmer music that has brought them together.

The folk idiom of the

Jewish people, klezmer was originally played at weddings and other celebrations in Eastern and Central Europe. The music gained popularity in America with the arrival of Yiddish speaking immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, assimilating jazz elements into the mix.

The Kugels play klezmer, but it is the 'original' pre-jazz klezmer, influenced by

revivalists this century, as well as repertoire Soviet and Israeli immigrants brought to the US in the 1980s.

The Kugels: Ross Harris, eminent composer and New Zealand Arts Laureate, plays the accordion, Debbie Rawson, leader of saxophone ensemble Saxcess and Head of Woodwind at Victoria University's NZ School of Music, on clarinet, xaphoon and saxophone. Violinist Robin Perkins, recently retired from New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, now devotes himself to the art of klezmer/gypsy fiddle. Bass player Jaqueline Nordon, an eclectic orchestral player/street band leader and all round klezmer music enthusiast helps drive the ensemble with character and style.

They play at the 4th Wall Theatre at New Plymouth at 7.30pm on October 18.

From the Outside Looking In

Fourteen artists from around the world, each with some reason for calling themselves 'outsider' artists are on the Virtual Tart website at tart.co.nz.

The exhibition will be rotated every day or so - I hope that makes it easy for you to appreciate these works. Do find the time to send a message to any of the artists whose work appeals. It makes a huge difference, to know that you've found an audience.

Cue Theatre's next production

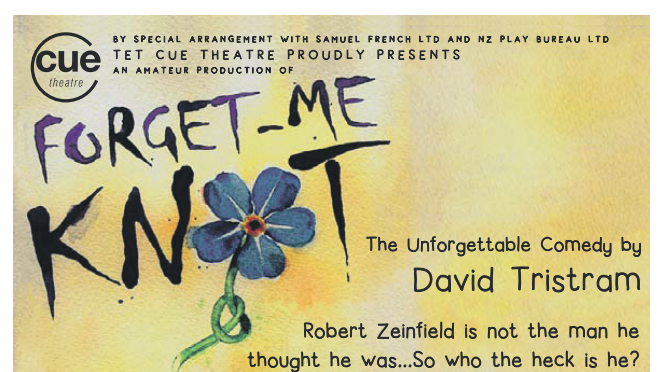
Forget-Me-Knot, a comedy by David Tristram, and directed by John.K.Butler opens at Cue Theatre on October 26, and closes on November 5.

Starring Karlina Nickson, Katherine Wolfe, Simon Buick, and Lindsay Franklin, it is a tale of a man who doesn't know who he is, a

wife who may or may not be his, another woman put on the spot, and a detective who tries to find out what is true and what is not

Tickets are on sale Monday September 26, and are available from Inglewood Information Centre (FunHo)

Phone: 7567 030.



Directed by John K. Butler
Starring Lindsay Franklin, Katherine Wolfe, Simon Buick and Karlina Nickson

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| STORKS Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family G 1hr 27min <i>A bundle of trouble is coming.</i> Storks, traditionally the deliverers of babies, fall on hard times and now deliver for an internet retailer. When a stork named Junior accidentally produces an unauthorized baby, he must fix the situation before anyone finds out. Saturday 1 October 1pm Wednesday 5 October 1pm Saturday 15 October 1pm | CHASING GREAT - RICHIE MCCAW Documentary, Sport G 1hr 45min Documentary on All Black and World Cup legend, New Zealand's favourite son, Richie McCaw. Charts McCaw's final 365 days as an All Black as he attempts to become the first captain to win back-to-back World Cups. Features exclusive access to family archives. Saturday 1 October 7pm Sunday 2 October *BOUTIQUE* 7pm Wednesday 12 October 1pm |
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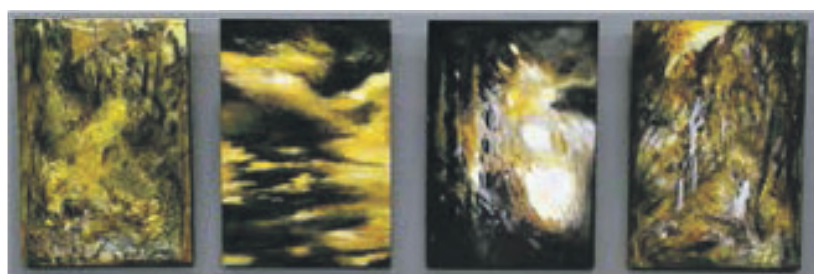
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